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MITCHELL SPEAKS OUT

Secretary of Labor Robert Mitchell has called for a decision within thirty to sixty days concerning a tax cut. It was a significant announcement from the Secretary of labor.

Coming at a time when the Labor Secretary noted that the recession was flattening out—as President Eisenhower had already said—but also stating his opinion that he saw no reason or prospect of solid improvement, the announcement clearly shows Mitchell's concern over the current recession.

It seems evident that the quickest way for the government to give consumer buying a shot in the arm is to reduce taxes. Excise taxes might be reduced on such products as automobiles, or income taxes may be reduced. President Eisenhower is hesitating on the tax-reduction plan because he knows how much defense costs are going to be, what with the military pay raise just passed, and because he does not want to run up a huge deficit. It is a problem with no easy solution, but sooner or later a decision will have to be made.

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MEMORIES OF ERNIE PYLE

One of the great wartime writers of all time was Ernie Pyle, who had a somewhat mixed-up life until World War II came along, earned fame and immortality by living with the infantrymen in World War II and writing of their trials and tribulations.

Few people who have not been in the infantry, or in some form of possible-death combat, know the sacrifices made by those who fought for their country in the great wars.

Ernie Pyle, as a writer, did not stay away from it—although he could have. He went up into the front trenches and lived with "the boys" and shared their hardships, physical discomfort, and fear. That is what made him a great writer, in addition to his great talent.

On a lonely island in the Pacific, called Ie Shima, an inscription on a little wooden marker bears this sentence:

"At this spot, the 77th Infantry Division lost a buddy — Ernie Pyle, April 18th, 1945."

It is good to learn that, after thirteen years, a permanent marker will be dedicated on this little island. The American Legion has purchased the site as an "eternal memorial to a soldier's correspondent." Several hundred Americans are expected to attend a dedication ceremony, which will be co-sponsored by the island's American Legion post and the United States army.

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WINTER TO SUMMER

In many areas of the country spring weather has been disappointingly winterish.

The long-range forecast for the weather in the next few weeks indicates that comparatively cool spring weather is in store for many of us well into May.

Actually, summer is not too far away, and will arrive in June. Spring was supposed to arrive on March 19th, although the nation experienced some bitter weather after this, and all through April and in early May, and some of the major league baseball teams played in low 40-decree weather in the last days of April.

The unseasonable weather this year was not without its effect on the economy. It was good business for fuel dealers, because above-average quantities of fuel oil, coal, etc., were consumed. However, the tourist trade in many areas suffered, and the loss to winter crops, is estimated to run the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Perhaps retail sales and the tourist travel this summer will make up for the loss in the winter—to some extent. Crop losses, however, cannot be made up, although the Department of Agriculture reports that bumper crops are expected this year because of favorable soil conditions, and moisture, in the mid-west and other areas.

The only consolations we can offer those who missed on spring are that severe winters kill insects and bugs, make us enjoy summer weather more, and prove once again that there is no such thing as "normal" weather.

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THE PRIVATE COLLEGE

The private colleges in this country, most of them small, have been struggling in recent yearas to keep their heads above water. There are isolated examples, of course, where private colleges are richly endowed, and where money is no problem, On the other hand, for the majority of them, the economic battle is their most difficult one.

One thing many people do not understand is the fact that private colleges save them tax money. For example, if all college students went to state universities, the load on these would be far greater than it is today.

When one realizes that of the country's Presidents, and most of the top leaders of industry, are graduates of small, liberal aarts colleges—despite the fact that a greater number of students are graduated from state universities—one can appreciate the contribution of these small colleges in our scheme of education in the United States.

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EARN WHAT YOU WANT

Young people of Appomattox might find the present a good occasion to understand that a majority of those who have anything in the world worked for what they acquired.

Too often the youthful mind is impressed with the easy accumulation of a fortune by some exceptional figure that looms in the public consciousness, little realizing that such a career is the great exception among a mass of hard workers, who got to the top by sheer diligence and persistence rather than through a streak of luck or unusual opportunity.

More and more, there is abroad in the world a conviction that individuals who do not earn what they have are not entitled to their possessions. This is pretty strong doctrine for some to take, but the trend is that way, all over the world.

If every youngster who begins business life in the next ten years gets imbued with the idea of giving value for money or rewards received, the business world need not worry about depressions.

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If you don't know the answer, don't answer the question.

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The span of life is too short for any man to learn enough to brag about.

Washington Notes

Air-Navigation System

President Eisenhower recently authorized overtime work to speed completion of a modernized air-navigation system. He said the emergency action is essential to national defense.

Eisenhower has issued an executive order suspending the eight-hour work day for all laborers on the project, which involves installing communication facilities and radar equipment to guide aircraft between airports. The suspension is to last indefinitely. Under the order, all workers kept on the job more than eight hours a day will be paid at least time and a half for the extra period.

Space Distances

United States scientists expect soon to be able to measure space distances by bouncing radar signals off the nearer planets and the sun.

Benjamin S. Yaplees, a staff member at the Naval Research Laboratory, gave this information in a report prepared for a scientific meeting.

Aid Measure

A $3,060,000,000 foreign aid authorization bill has been approved by the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

This total, $323,000,000 below Eisenhower Administration requests, may be trimmed further when the House takes up the measure again this month.

Flourescent Airplanes

Airliners may soon be painted more vivid hues to reduce collision hazards in this country's overcrowded skies.

Flourescent orange airplane paint that is five times easier to see than normal hues is now under test by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Ike's Help Sought

President Eisenhower apparently will be asked to campaign this fall for some Senate and House Republicans who have given his legislative program considerably less than 100 per cent support.

Chairmen of the Senate and the House GOP Campaign committees are understood to be working now on arrangements they hope will lead to active participation by the President in the battle for control of Congress.

Energy Source Discovered

Discovery of an unsuspected source of energy in the night sky has been reported by a team of naval research laboratory scientists.

It is a form of invisible untraviolet radiation which streams from the sun, moves around the dark side of the earth, and is reflected back into the earth's atmosphere by hydrogen atoms in space.

Non-Military Aid

Non-military foreign aid grants by the United States last year were at the lowest level since the end of World War II, according to a recent report issued by the Department of Commerce.

This aid totaled $1,600,000,000, from $1,737,000,000 in 1956.

However, the addition of sales of farm surpluses for foreign currencies and a near record volume of lending by the Export - Import Bank brought the total of non-military aid actually shipped or disbursed to $2,571,000,000, up from $2,270,000,000 of the previous year and higher than military aid for the first time since 1951.

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...nd visitors in the home of ... Mrs. L. L. Dickerson were ... children, of Roanoke were week-end visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lucado.

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Oakville

Oakville, May 13.- Mr. Haywood Woolridge, of Lynchburg, was the guest speaker at Mt. Comfort church Sunday. He made a wonderful talk on Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore and daughter, Jane, of Beckley, W. Va. spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Ellen H. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter, of Raleigh, W. Va., are spending this week with her mother, Mrs. Maude Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Moore visited his mother, Mrs. Ellen H. Moore on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams, of Forest and family spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Lula Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lewis and Mrs. Harold Stratton and son, Eddie spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis in Madison Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Coleman had as their Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr. and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Lewis and son.

Mrs. Maggie Gardner had all her children and family with her for Mother's Day.

Antibiotic Tested

Saskatoon, Sask.- An antibiotic developed at the Prairie Regional Laboratory of the National Research Council near Saskatoon may be useful in treating both plant and human diseases.

Named amidomycin, the antibiotic has been found effective in test-tube experiments against two human diseases, and also is capable of inhibiting the germination of spores of wheat-stem rust.

Officials emphasize that the drug has not yet been tested in actual treatment of animals or humans, but has been sent to other institutions for further research.

War Criminals Freed

Tokyo.- The United States has paroled seven more Japanese war criminals from Sugamo Prison. They were serving sentences ranging from 30 years to life.

Their release reduced the number of Japanese still held in Sugamo to 24.

In FASHION now

In travel-conscious America the hand bag has grown in size and importance. There is one handbag on the market that has been named the "Strato-Cruiser" — to give you some idea of what we mean.

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Something new for summmer wear is the barefoot dress. It is made in crinkle cotton and billows out from the neck to the hem. If this shape is not for you, the dress comes with a wide belt of matching material. It was designed to slip over a bathing suit or shorts. With jewelry, it could be worn for many off-the-beach occasions.

The kimonos have become important in the housecont department. Many are imported from Hong Kong, and are styled with the traditional wide sleeves and a sash. The colors offered are lovely.

Terrycloth is still the best and most practical fabric used for beach robes, in every color of the rainbow—and a few others, just for good measure.

The sack bathing suits have not been selling. It is easy to understand. No figure was flattered by them. The contrast between legs and body was too great. The loose lines have been adapted in the sportswear department, and have gone over very well.

About The Home

By Frances Dell

Noted decorators tell us that color creates the strong first impression in a home. Today colors are bolder than in recent seasons, but not blinding. They are used in stronger doses against walls that are still off-white or light beige.

A good idea is to concentrate color at eye-level, and on down, in a room. The lamps and their shades, upholstery, and carpeting tend to match. Bedrooms in orange are becoming as popular as the standard pink bedroom.

Patterns are large in scale and are used sparingly but importantly. They can make one appearance in a room in a boldly scrolled Spanish rug for the floor, or the covering for an important item of furniture in a room—such as the sofa.

Textures are even newer looking than the patterns. They include soft surfaces of suede cloth and velvet, and deep, fur-like naps of nylon carpeting. The fabric used for seat-covers and upholstery is often very rough in texture, but soft to the touch. By making use of all the synthetic fibers, new lift has been given to all fabrics used in decorating a home.

Window treatments are simple. The trend is to blend the window into the background. Blinds and shades are, for the most part, a thing of the past, with draw drapes very much in favor.

Modern and traditional pieces are used together with great success. In finish, the favorite seems to be a warm, medium brown that softens even the most tailored modern designs. Pieces of furniture that can lead a double life are receiving more attention than ever before. It is not unusual to see a desk that can double as a dining table.

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